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Serial No.: 09/818,086
For: METHODS OF DETERMINING THE PRESENCE OR ABSENCE OF
POLYNUCLEOTIDES EMPLOYING AMPLIFICATION

Filed: March 26, 2001

Group Art Unit: 1637

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We enclose for filing:

- 1) Amendment (December 5, 2002), including appendix (12 pages); and
- 2) Petition for Two Month Extension of Time, with request to charge deposit account (1 page)

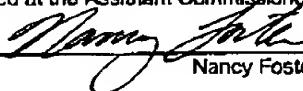
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AMENDMENT

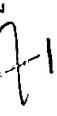
Applicants now respond to the Office Action mailed July 5, 2002. The period for reply being extended by the Petition for Two Month Extension of Time being filed concurrently herewith.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 11, 12, 23, 25, 36, 37, 48, and 50 as follows.

11. The method of claim 3, wherein the presence of a given target polynucleotide
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indicates the presence of a pathogen, wherein the pathogen is one of a virus, a
prokaryote, and a eukaryote.

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